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Insert any general comments that do not relate to a specific paragraph number or policy in the general comments box below.*If you are suggesting a change is needed to the draft Local Plan or supporting document, it would be helpful if you could include suggested revised wording. If you are commenting on a document supporting the draft Local Plan (such as a topic paper, or the Sustainability Appraisal), please indicate so.

Reasons for dropping the proposal to develop Velmore Farm:

1. This was designated as "Green Space" (Space between settlements), and should remain as such.
2. Local infrastructure (Doctors, Dentists, Schools, Road system) cannot support 1070 new homes. Additional funding for medical services will not address these problems if the buildings are not big enough, and staff cannot be recruited. i.e. Equates to approximately 2,000 people, 2,000 cars, 1,600 children.
3. Southern Water is currently incapable of adequately servicing it's existing customers, let alone another 1,000 plus homes in this area. e.g. The Otterbourne pumping station keeps breaking down interrupting supply to this area, Abbotswood near Romsey keeps running out of water pressure requiring additional water to be supplied by tanker, they already discharge raw sewage into local rivers and the sea frequently.
4. The capacity of the National Grid has to be questioned regarding supplying 1,000 plus homes, especially when a high percentage of these will have EV charging points installed. There are many reports in the news where solar farms, wind farms, and EV charging points cannot be connected due to lack of capacity.
5. The area around Templars Way and School Lane is grid-locked at peak times. This also extends up Knightwood Road, Castle Lane, Chestnut Avenue, and Bournemouth Road. Having the main access point on the roundabout at the Templars Way and School Lane junction would be a disaster.
6. The area around Templars Way and School Lane is subject to flooding. Building on Velmore Farm may increase water run-off and exasperate this, and also put homes in the dip by the pedestrian crossing in School Lane (which has a history of flooding) at risk.
7. Loss of green space and biodiversity: In the 38 years we have lived here we have seen a decline or total absence of Goldfinches, Starlings, Thrushes, Jays, House Martins, Siskins, Bats and Woodpeckers.
8. Loss of agricultural land which contribute to the risk of reducing our self sufficiency for food in the future. We are still seeing the effects of Russia invading Ukrain.
9. This area of Chandlers Ford has already seen excessive development over the last 40 years.

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The section of the plan relating to the proposed development of "Velmore Farm, Chandlers Ford" should be removed and the proposal dropped.

Please see section 7 for specific reasons.
